

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A sheet material handling system comprising:
at least one support member having a substantially vertical support leg extending
5 from a substantially horizontal base;
a planar working surface connected to each support leg by a hinged connection
which allows pivoting of the planar working surface with respect to each vertical support
leg along a pivot axis; and
a latching member operatively associated with the base configured to lock the
10 pivoting of the planar working surface in a select position.
2. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 wherein the hinged
connection comprises:
a first tubular member attached to each vertical support leg;
15 a second tubular member attached to the planar working surface and positioned in
line with each first tubular members;
a shaft running through each first and the second tubular members connecting them
such that the second tubular member is free to pivot around the pivot axis with respect to
each first tubular member.
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3. The sheet material handling system of claim 2 wherein the shaft is
removable, allowing the separation of the planar work surface from the vertical support
legs.
- 25 4. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 further comprising a
substantially horizontal base and at least one wheel operatively associated with each
horizontal base.
5. The sheet material handling system of claim 4 further comprising means for

selectively positioning the wheel associated with a base above and below the base.

6. The sheet material handling system of claim 1 wherein the planar work surface further comprises a substantially rigid support layer and a softer cutting surface layer.

7. The sheet metal handling system of claim 1 wherein the latching member comprises:

a bar having first and second ends pivotally attached at the first end to a base, the second end being configured to align with a bracket on the underside of the planar work surface near its lengthwise edge, and

means for releasably attaching the second end of the bar to the bracket.

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